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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: SAUDI ARABIA

1. EMB CAIRO APPROACHED BY EGYPTIAN CONSULTING FIRM SEEKING TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH U.S. FIRMS CAPABLE OF SUPPLYING AND INSTALLING CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEM FOR TRAFFIC SURVEILLANCE AND SECURITY CONTROL AT MUSLIM HOLY PLACES OF MECCA, ARAFAT, MAZDALAFA AND MINA IN SAUDI ARABIA. AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, EGYPTIAN FIRM IS NOT SOLE CONSULTANT FOR PROJECT, BUT DOES HAVE GOOD CONNECTIONS WITHIN SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT WHO PROVIDED ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROJECT. PROJECT IS TO BE EXECUTED IN TWO STEPS: STEP 1- SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF CLOSED CIRCUIT TV SYSTEM; STEP 2- SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF COMPLETE COMPUTER FACILITY GRANTING FULL ACCESS TO ALL SEGMENTS OF TV SYSTEM.

2. TY SYSTEM CONSISTS OF 15 TOWERS APPROXIMATELY 100 METERS HIGH WITH TOTAL OF 390 BLACK AND WHITE TV CAMERAS, MAJORITY FIXED-LENS BUT SOME EQUIPPED WITH PAN-AND-TILT HEADS, ZOOM LENSES AND REMOTE CONTROLLED FOCUSING. EACH TOWER TO BE SELF-CONTAINED UNIT COMPLETE WITH POWER GENERATING AND TV TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS. TOWERS TO BE SUPPLIED BY ALLGON OF SWEDEN. NUMBER OF MOBILE, VEHICLE-MOUNTED COLOR TV CAMERAS ALSO TO BE UTILIZED.

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3. AREA UNDER OBSERVATION TO BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR PARTS, EACH

CONTROLLED FROM SEPARATE LOCAL CONTROL CENTER (LCC). INFORMATION FROM EACH CAMERA IN SECTOR TO BE TRANSMITTED TO LCC VIA MICRO-WAVE LINKS USING TV TOWERS AS ANTENNAE. OVERALL CONTROL OF SYSTEM TO BE PERFORMED BY MASTER CONTROL CENTER (MCC) CONNECTED TO EACH LCC VIA MICRO-WAVE LINKS.

4. ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT, US \$150 MILLION, TO BE UNDERWRITTEN BY GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA. EGYPTIAN CONSULTING FIRM IS: THE INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANTS, DR. SAID ASHOUR, PRESIDENT, 4 NAGUIB EK RIHANY STREET, CAIRO; CABLE: TIKIN TERCO; TELEX: 2013 MORTARIM; PHONE: 47702/808101.

5. DUE TO VALUE OF PROJECT AND LIMITED NUMBER US FIRMS CAPABLE OF PARTICIPATING, REQUEST USDOC CONTACT LIKELY FIRMS DIRECTLY. EMB WILL PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING US CONTACTS WITH EGYPTIAN CONSULTANTS.
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